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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 40
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A RESOLUTION to request the Commissioner of Environment and Conservation and the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation to consult and cooperate with the City of Memphis to reduce the speed limits on the various streets and roads serving T.O. Fuller State Park.

WHEREAS, T. O. Fuller State Park in Shelby County is a highly utilized resource in the Memphis - Shelby County area; in 1998-1999, this state park drew 272,025 visitors, who enjoyed the park's camping area, archery range, picnic area, tennis and basketball courts, softball field and golf course, visited the Chucalissa Indian Village, and observed birds and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the park is served by several city roads, including River Port Road, a four lane highway with a 50 mile per hour speed limit, Mitchell and Plant Roads, which have a 40 mile per hour speed limit, and Boxtown Road, which has a 25 mile per hour speed limit; within the park, Pavilion Road has a 25 mile per hour speed limit, the campground road has a 15 mile per hour speed limit, and the picnic area road has a speed limit that ranges from 5 to 15 miles per hour; and

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WHEREAS, the 1998 census bureau population estimate for Shelby County was 868,825; T.O. Fuller State Park is contained within the City of Memphis, and is traversed by city roads carrying traffic, much of which traffic does not consist of park users; the high level of use during the park's peak season, and the large number of pedestrian users suggest that within the park, speed limits, particularly on the city roads, are too high to insure park user safety; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Conservation and the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation are hereby requested to consult and cooperate with the City of Memphis to reduce the speed limits on the various roads and streets serving T.O. Fuller State park to an appropriate level to insure the safety of the park's visitors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Conservation, the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, and the Mayor of the City of Memphis.